

Missouri Office of Information Technology

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1.0 Purpose

This is intended to advise agencies on the new Missouri.GOV standard. An explanation of domain name and domain levels as well as implementation timeframes and implementation instructions are included.

2.0 Scope

The scope of the Missouri.GOV standard includes all executive departments, elected officials, judicial branch, legislative branch and boards and commissions.

3.0 Background

Once reserved for use by federal departments and programs, the .gov domain was expanded in 2002 to include state, county and city government as well as Native Sovereign Nations. Missouri has traditionally used the state.mo.us URL. In spring of 2003 the .us domain was made available to any public entity. The .gov URL will be available only to governmental entities, thus providing a level of confidence to the public of the validity and association with government. Through discussions with the Governor's Office and observance of a general trend by other state governments to move to the .gov URL, a decision was made in November 2002 to migrate the state's portal and department websites to mo.gov.

4.0 References

- 4.1 ITAB Meeting Minutes:
 - October 23, 2002
 - November 20, 2002
 - February 26, 2003
 - March 26, 2003
 - April 30, 2003

5.0 Revision History

Date	Description of Change
11/20/2002	Initial Standard Published
09/18/2003	Department.GOV URL list Updated
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6.0 Definitions

N/A

7.0 Inquiries

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Domain Levels Explained

A domain name is all the text that follows the first period '.' in a host name. A host name is used to locate an entity on the Internet. A host name is part of a Uniform Resource Locator (URL), which is the address of a site or document on the Internet.

First-Level Domain

This would be the **".gov"** established by the federal government.

Second-Level Domain

missouri.gov – primary domain
mo.gov – alias domain

Both “**missouri.gov**” and “**mo.gov**” are registered through the Government Domain Registration Services to the Missouri Office of Information Technology (OIT).

Third-Level Domain

This level will be appropriate for identifying the departments within Missouri State Government. The identification should consist of the department’s accepted abbreviation format.

Example: “**dnr.missouri.gov**”

Approval process: Department CIO to submit request to OIT in letter or e-mail format.

Fourth-Level Domain

This level will be used at the discretion of the departments for their department-sponsored programs.

Example: “**mostars.dhe.missouri.gov**”

Approval process: To be determined by each department for their internal use.

Implementation Timeframe

The Missouri State Home Page (www.state.mo.us) will change to www.missouri.gov prior to December 31, 2002. Dual URLs will be maintained until December 31, 2003. (Revised 12/4/02: www.state.mo.us URL will be kept indefinitely.)

Department requests for third level domain to be submitted to OIT by December 31, 2002.

Department migrations to the new URL to be completed by December 31, 2003.

Implementation Instructions for .GOV URL Standard

.GOV Standard Overview

Both “**missouri.gov**” and “**mo.gov**” are registered through the Government Domain Registration Services to the Missouri Office of Information Technology (OIT). This is considered the second level domain.

The third level domain will be appropriate for identifying the departments within Missouri State Government. The departments have notified OIT of their selected primary and alias .gov URLs. **This list of .gov URLs is posted on the OIT and**

DMD websites. Any further requests for additional third level domain .gov URLs can be made via e-mail to OIT for CIO approval.

The fourth level domain will be used at the discretion of the departments for their divisions and department-sponsored programs. Policies and approval processes are to be determined by each department for their internal use.

Existing .com and .org URLs currently used by the departments are to be considered “grandfathered in”. Whenever possible, it is recommended that such URLs be migrated to the .gov standard. If a department is considering adding additional .com and/or .org URLs, the request will need to be submitted to OIT for CIO approval accompanied by a business case for deviating from the .gov standard.

Implementation Timeframe

The Missouri State Home Page (www.state.mo.us) now reflects the change to www.missouri.gov as the primary and www.mo.gov as the alias URL. The dual URL of www.state.mo.us will be kept indefinitely.

Department migrations to the new .gov URL are to be completed by December 31, 2003. Each department will need to determine how long to run dual URLs with their existing “state.mo.us” URLs.

Implementation Procedure

To begin implementing your department’s change to the “**missouri.gov**” and “**mo.gov**” domain, please send your requests for domain name system entries to Office of Administration, Technology Services section. This can be done by submitting a request via the Technology Services cSupport ticket tracking system, sending an e-mail request to helpdesk@mail.state.mo.us or calling the help desk at 751-2201.

URL changes will have far-reaching effects on everyone who accesses your Web site, whether via a bookmark or as a click-through from another site, such as the State Home Portal.

Whenever possible, you should communicate changes to your URL and offer re-direct pages to the people you know have links to your pages. One handy way to tell other state agencies about specific third- and fourth-level domain changes is through the “MO-WEB” discussion list. Subscribers to this list represent the membership of the Digital Media Developers Group (DMD), a subcommittee of the ITAB. These developers are the Web maintainers, Web masters, and technical gurus who collaborate and discuss matters of common interest.

Are your agency’s Web developers members of the DMD? The DMD meets monthly to share information, view presentations, and help each other on Web

issues. For more information about the group and how to sign up for the MO-WEB discussion list, please visit the DMD Web site at:

<http://www.oa.state.mo.us/dmd/>

Department .GOV URLs

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Department	Primary URL	Alias URL
Office of the State Treasurer	treasurer.missouri.gov	sto.missouri.gov treasurer.mo.gov sto.mo.gov
Department of Conservation	mdc.missouri.gov	conservation.missouri.gov mdc.mo.gov conservation.mo.gov
Department of Corrections	doc.missouri.gov	doc.mo.gov
Public Service Commission	psc.missouri.gov	psc.mo.gov
Department of Economic Development	ded.missouri.gov	ded.mo.gov works.mo.gov works.missouri.gov develop.mo.gov develop.missouri.gov development.mo.gov development.missouri.gov
Professional Registration	pr.mo.gov	pr.missouri.gov
Department of Health	dhss.missouri.gov	dhss.mo.gov
Secretary of State	sos.mo.gov	sos.missouri.gov
MO National Guard	mong.mo.gov	mong.missouri.gov arng.missouri.gov arng.mo.gov ang.missouri.gov ang.mo.gov goguard.missouri.gov goguard.mo.gov guard.missouri.gov guard.mo.gov
Auditor's Office	auditor.mo.gov	auditor.missouri.gov
Department Higher Education	dhe.mo.gov	dhe.missouri.gov highered.mo.gov highered.missouri.gov
Ethics Commission	ethics.missouri.gov	Ethics.mo.gov moethics.missouri.gov moethics.mo.gov
Office of Administration	oa.mo.gov	oa.missouri.gov

Department of Mental Health	dmh.mo.gov	dmh.missouri.gov
Department of Public Safety	dps.mo.gov	dps.missouri.gov
Department of Elementary and Secondary Education	dese.mo.gov	dese.missouri.gov
Lottery	lottery.mo.gov	lottery.missouri.gov
Department of Labor & Industrial Relations	labor.missouri.gov	labor.mo.gov dolir.missouri.gov dolir.mo.gov
Department of Insurance	insurance.mo.gov	insurance.missouri.gov mdi.mo.gov mdi.missouri.gov doi.mo.gov doi.missouri.gov
Public Defenders Office	publicdefender.missouri.gov	publicdefender.mo.gov defenders.mo.gov defenders.missouri.gov mspd.mo.gov mspd.missouri.gov pd.mo.gov pd.missouri.gov spd.mo.gov spd.missouri.gov pubdev.mo.gov pubdev.missouri.gov
Department of Natural Resources	dnr.missouri.gov	dnr.mo.gov
Department of Transportation	dot.mo.gov	dot.missouri.gov modot.mo.gov modot.missouri.gov carrier.mo.gov carrier.missouri.gov
Department of Social Services	DSS.missouri.gov	DSS.mo.gov SS.missouri.gov SS.mo.gov SocialServices.missouri.gov SocialServices.mo.gov DeptSocServ.missouri.gov DeptSocServ.mo.gov

		Welfare.missouri.gov Welfare.mo.gov HumanServices.missouri.gov HumanServices.mo.gov
Department of Revenue	dor.mo.gov	dor.missouri.gov dors.mo.gov
DOR Online License Renewal (MORE)	plates.mo.gov	plates.missouri.gov
Attorney General	ago.missouri.gov	ago.mo.gov
Department of Agriculture	mda.mo.gov	mda.missouri.gov agriculture.mo.gov agriculture.missouri.gov
Office of the State Court Administrator	courts.missouri.gov	courts.mo.gov mocourts.missouri.gov mocourts.mo.gov
Governor's Office	governor.mo.gov	governor.missouri.gov go.mo.gov go.missouri.gov gov.mo.gov gov.missouri.gov
Managing for Results Initiative	mri.missouri.gov	mri.mo.gov
Office of Homeland Security	homelandsecurity.mo.gov	homelandsecurity.missouri.gov
Office of Homeland Security Education Program	ready.missouri.gov	ready.mo.gov
Office of Information Technology	oit.mo.gov	oit.missouri.gov officeofinformationtechnology.mo.gov officeofinformationtechnology.missouri.gov
House of Representatives	house.mo.gov	house.missouri.gov
Senate	senate.mo.gov	senate.missouri.gov
Missouri General Assembly	moga.mo.gov	moga.missouri.gov

MO Head Injury Advisory Council	tbi.mo.gov	tbi.missouri.gov
Missouri Women's Council	womenscouncil.mo.gov	womenscouncil.missouri.gov
Office of the Lt. Governor	ltgov.mo.gov	ltgov.missouri.gov
Missouri Arts Council	missouriartscouncil.mo.gov	missouriartscouncil.missouri.gov
State Information Infrastructure Protection Center	siipc.mo.gov	siipc.missouri.gov
Children's Services Commission	csc.mo.gov	csc.missouri.gov

**Request made by DHE to reserve ed.mo.gov to be used only as an education portal address that would be a future collaborative effort between DHE and DESE.